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Boy, 12, admits vandalism at town school

A MOTHER defended her 12-year-old son when he appeared in court to admit criminal damage at a school.

The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, appeared at Bury St Edmunds Youth Court yesterday.

He was accused of smashing windows and a fire door at Clements Community Primary School, Haverhill, in January.

The 12-year-old, from Haverhill, also admitted one count of arson and one count of shoplifting from the town's Poundland store.

His mother said: "He is a good lad but he is easily led by older people around – he is trying to keep out of trouble and I think he has learned his lesson this time the hard way."

Rosalind Cappleman, prosecuting, said the boy's actions had caused thousands of pounds damage at the school.

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The incidents happened on January 8, January 10 and January 13.

She said: "On January 8 two males were seen throwing objects at the school window, and that broke and was £1,500."

The second window which was broken cost between £1,000 and £2,000 to replace, Mrs Cappleman said, while damage to the fire door cost between £3,000 and £5,000.

In November last year, the boy set a wheelie bin, belonging to St Edmundsbury Borough Council, on fire.

In December, he was captured on CCTV stealing £6 worth of chocolates from Poundland in the High Street.

In mitigation, Rebecca Maxwell told the court the boy was "strug-

gling at home". "His father left, and he's finding it very hard indeed to deal with the loss of his father at a very young age."

"His mother is very concerned."

The boy, who was dressed in a grey hoody, black trousers and black shoes, was sentenced to a 12-month referral order and fined £85.

A victim surcharge of £15 was also ordered by Christina Baker, presiding magistrate.

Passing sentence, Mrs Baker said: "Hopefully, this will set you on the right road and no more being silly and doing dangerous things."

An 11-year-old boy, from Haverhill, also appeared in court accused of three counts of criminal damage, relating to incidents at Clements Community Primary School.

His case was referred back to police officers, and adjourned until February 11.



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**CRIME SCENE:** the robbery took place on a path leading from Wratting Road to the old railway line

Couple robbed by group on way home from pub

A GROUP of five men robbed a couple as they walked home from the pub on Sunday morning.

Haverhill police are investigating the crime, which took place in the early hours.

A man and woman, both in their 20s, were walking on a path leading from Haverhill's Wratting Road to the old railway line when they were

ambushed at around 1.50am.

Five men took part in the attack, which saw the man punched and kicked in the head. The woman was unhurt.

The man also had an Apple iPhone 6, worth around £500, stolen from him.

Insp Peter Ferrie, policing commander for Haverhill, said the rob-

bery was an "isolated incident".

"I don't believe this is part of a series, but you are always safer if you are walking home with somebody else."

The couple had been drinking in The Woolpack, on Queen Street.

Two men in their 20s, both from Haverhill, have been arrested on suspicion of robbery and bailed until March 4.

New look at youth centre provision

DEBRA FOX

PLANS to transform a former court building into a youth hub have been abandoned.

Town councillors this week voted to drop their pursuit of a lease on the old magistrates court and police station in Haverhill's Camps Road, and look to provide youth provision elsewhere.

Cllr Maureen Byrne, deputy mayor, called on her colleagues to use what the town council has at its disposal, instead of relying on other authorities.

At a meeting on Tuesday, she said: "We own Bevan House and the arts centre and we don't have to have any involvement with anybody else, and we have our own decisions.

"Let's invest and use what we have got and make good of what we have got for the youth of this town."

The councillors' decision came following a meeting between Colin Poole, town clerk, and Cllr Lisa Chambers, cabinet member for education and skills at Suffolk County Council.

Mr Poole said he was advised that

the council should start "moving away from the concept" of a building-based service for youth provision, as they would not be "gifted" the building as hoped.

The town council has been negotiating a lease with the county council for more than a year.

Mr Poole said: "To go ahead without a price isn't possible.

"If we sign a lease on that building without knowing what we are letting ourselves in for I don't think we would be acting in the best public interest."

Suggestions include redeveloping the toilet block at the Recreation Ground, and investigating the purchase of the vacant Corn Exchange.

Cllr Betty McLatchy asked if the building could be bought and leased to West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group, to provide an out-of-hours care clinic for the town.

The councillor wanted to provide something for all of the town's people, she said.

Mr Poole will investigate the Corn Exchange, and also look into providing provision elsewhere, and near to the arts centre.

Cllr Byrne added: "I can't tell you how furious I am.

"Not for us, but for the young people in the town. We deserve to be able to fund something that's going to give them an opportunity in life."

The public's hope for a youth hub was revealed in 2013, following a community budget consultation, carried out by ONE Haverhill.

The town council then agreed to take on the responsibility of securing a building for the project.

Sarah Howard, chair of ONE Haverhill, supported the council's decision, and said: "They have made a commitment to help the youth of the town through ONE Haverhill's community budget but have quite rightly been very careful about how and where they are spending public money."

Council votes on precept freeze in budget

HAVERHILL Town Council has approved a budget which sees a precept freeze for the forthcoming financial year.

Council tax payers living in Haverhill will not see their tax portion which goes to the town council increase this year – but the coming years are unclear.

Cllr Maureen Byrne was one of the first to thank Colin Poole, town clerk, for his hard work in preparing

the budget.

The deputy mayor also congratulated Mr Poole, and Cllr Roger André, town mayor, for flagging discrepancies in the council tax base with St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

She said: "I would like to thank the mayor and the clerk for their work as it has made a difference to what we have got in front of us this evening."

At the meeting, Mr Poole said that residents may see a precept increase

of around 4 per cent in 2016/17 as predictions for house building in the town currently stand – but this could all change in the next 12 months.

Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the precept, and unanimously in favour of the budget.

There were eight town councillors present at the meeting.

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Heartbreak over decision to close children's centre

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MONTHS of uncertainty have ended with a decision to close one of Haverhill's children's centres.

On Track, in Strasbourg Square, will close its doors and merge with the Cartwheels Centre, which is at the opposite end of town.

The unanimous decision was made by members of Suffolk County Council's cabinet on Tuesday.

Cllr Anne Gower has been fighting the proposal since it was announced in July.

She said: "I am absolutely devastated. I just can't believe it."

"They didn't seem to listen to a thing I said and all the people who said I was wasting my breath were proven right."

Cllr Gower spoke at Tuesday's meeting against the proposal.

She, and fellow county councillors Tony Brown and Julian Flood, entered a formal objection to the plans last year.

The councillor outlined the services provided at On Track and questioned how these would be provided successfully elsewhere.

She said: "Disruption will not be minimised as there are no other facilities in the locality which could be used to provide the valuable services we are talking about."

"We have two areas of deprivation which is why we have two children's centres, and we will have these two areas at either end of town."

"It doesn't matter how much advertising you say you will do - if you are a vulnerable family you need a centre in your locality."

Currently, the centre is used for supervised visits, and it is also an access point for midwives and social workers. Various community groups also use the building to meet.

Figures released by Suffolk County Council have said that delivering On Track's services elsewhere will make a net saving of around £39,000 alone.

The council has estimated



OBJECTION: Cllr Anne Gower spoke against closing On Track in Strasbourg Square and merging it with the Cartwheels Centre at the opposite end of town

that more than £250,000 will be saved between 2015-18 through these changes.

It is anticipated that the current activities timetable at On Track will be delivered in the Chalkstone Community Centre, which is also on the square.

Alternative venues, including Haverhill Library and the Burton Centre, will also be used by families for specific activities.

Cllr Gower said: "The thing about vulnerable people is that they don't have a lot of choices, and they are cutting them down even more."

"I have made it quite clear that I am totally against this proposal as a member of the majority party at the county council."

Cllr Gordon Jones, cabinet member for children's services, has said the council needs to make the "best use" of its assets.

The proposal is not a cut to the service, but a way to deliver the "greatest positive impact" on children's lives,

he said.

"There is no hard and fast rule that all children's centres need to deliver their full range of services from a single site.

"The needs of children and their families have changed over time, and we must continue to develop our services accordingly."

"We need to make best possible use of data to target those children in most need of support."

Cllr Michael Jefferys, of Newmarket Town and Forest Heath District Councils, has also spoken out against the decision.

Hailing it as nothing more than a "cost cutting exercise", he said: "It is the wrong decision for the wrong reasons."

"Children's centres have been so successful and not just in Haverhill, but around the county and around Britain."

It is expected that "service relocation" for the affected centres will start in April.

A FATHER of four has been sentenced for criminal damage after he spat at a police camera.

Danny McKay, 37, appeared at Ipswich Crown Court on Tuesday.

McKay, of Aldham Court, Haverhill, was initially arrested following a complaint from a neighbour - but when taken into custody he became "agitated".

McKay, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to a 12 month

conditional discharge, and was ordered to pay £85 in costs.

Laura Kenyon, mitigating, said that McKay thought he was being arrested without justification and was "agitated".

She added that he was "determined" not to get into trouble again.

McKay has not been prosecuted in relation to the neighbour's complaint.

Man, 37, spat at police camera

Get to grips with your tablet at workshop

A SUCCESSFUL session on how to use tablets has led to the event returning in 2015.

Held at Haverhill Learning Centre for the first time in 2014, the event will help tablet users get the most from their machines.

It is being held on January 31. Students can learn how to set up their tablet, or smart phone, and how to set up an address book, send emails and use the web browser.

A spokesman for West Suffolk College, which operates the learning centre on Hollands Road, said: "The gentle pace and social nature of this course proved to be a big hit with the students last year and the small numbers in the group meant the tutor could give the students lots of help and advice to ensure that they got the very best from their day."

"All the students agreed that they had learnt so much and thoroughly enjoyed the experience."

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Deputy steps up to take over as head

A FORMER deputy head has taken the lead at her primary school for the new year.

Karen Sheargold has begun her position as headteacher at Kedington Primary Academy – and already has big plans for the new year.

Mrs Sheargold, who joined the school around five years ago as a teaching deputy head, replaces Darren Woodward, who left the school in December.

She said: "It is a real privilege.

"I know the children and the families well and I have got a superb team around me.

"It's an exciting opportunity to welcome the new members of staff and look at the school with fresh eyes."

Mr Woodward left to become Principal of Primary Schools at the Samuel Ward Academy Trust, which includes Kedington.

Soo Miller, previously of Clare Primary, has joined Kedington's team as the school's new deputy head.

The school has a number of events coming up, including Book Week and a visit from West End photographers.

Children will also attend a musical festival this year.

Mrs Sheargold said: "We are keeping the children at the centre of everything, and having a holistic approach to caring for them."

The school has launched a new website, which is now live for parents. Contact (01440) 702787 for more information.

New police move to keep cyclists safe

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CYCLISTS are being encouraged to be bright and be seen with a competition from Haverhill police.

PCSO Sophie Mitchell has launched the competition through the Haverhill police Twitter account for followers to take home a set of bike lights.

Each Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) in Suffolk has been given 10 sets of the LED lights by Suffolk County Council to distribute to the public how they choose.

PCSO Mitchell said: "Social media is a massive influence on everything and we have the least amount of Twitter followers for the local constabularies.

"I thought of this as a way of getting followers, and to promote road safety, to give a couple of sets of lights away."

Cycle safety was voted in as an SNT policing priority at a previous meeting, with officers tackling riders not obeying the Highway Code.

Now, the force is focusing on education rather than enforcement, the PCSO said, and some riders who are stopped by officers could be given a set of lights for their bike instead of a fixed penalty notice.

It has not yet been decided how many sets

of lights will be given out during this competition – but PCSO Mitchell is already looking at how the force can work with local businesses to promote cycle safety in the future.

She added: "We are just hoping to promote road safety in the best possible way."

Since the launch of the competition last week, the Haverhill Police Twitter account has gained around 50 followers.

To be in with a chance, follow @PoliceHaverhill on Twitter and retweet the competition.

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Plea for more charity support

A CHARITY volunteer is appealing for more people in the region to offer their support.

Sarah King is a spokesperson for all of those working with Alzheimer's Research UK, which is based in Great Abington.

Sarah, of Linton, started work with the charity when her husband, Andrew, was diagnosed in 2006.

She said: "Volunteering for Alzheimer's Research UK has made a big difference to my life – it's opened up a whole new community of friends and support, but most importantly it is my way of fighting the disease that has taken so much from me."

More than 7,500 people are living with the disease in Cambridgeshire, with more than 830,000 sufferers across the UK.

For more information, or to sign up, visit arukvolunteers.org or call 0300 1115555.



VOLUNTEER: Sarah King, of Linton.

Musicians rally after break-in

A DRUMMER has been inundated with donations from fellow musicians after £2,000 worth of equipment was stolen.

Tony Mumford, of Haverhill Drum Tuition, has thanked all those who came to the rescue after the break-in on the town's Homefield Road.

Thieves, who Mr Mumford branded as "selfish", broke through the fire door of his industrial unit and took monitors, speakers and other equipment on January 11.

He said: "I want to thank all of the local musicians who have given me so much support while this has been happening.

"Everybody has been really supportive and wants us to keep going."

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Amongst the equipment donated to Mr Mumford are two drum kits and a PA system.

The tutor, who started Haverhill Drum Tuition around four years ago, thanked Jim Furlong, who

donated a drum kit, Ian Croft, from Cambridge Drum Company, and Ash Beeston, who has provided the permanent loan of a PA system.

Other donations have been made by pupils' parents and musicians locally.

Their kindness has "restored faith in humanity", Mr Mumford said. He added: "It is just so nice of everyone to be so supportive."

Mr Mumford also performs in local group That Eighties Band and shares the industrial unit with Bob Spinks, the band's bassist and owner of Case Construction.

Mr Mumford said they were hopeful that they will discover what happened to the equipment.

"The police have been very good, and hopefully we will still catch these thieves," he added.

"I am still interested in finding out where my stuff is and I am actively on this case."

If you have any information, contact Pc Rupert Beynon at Haverhill police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

The incident number is HH/15/83.

Garden of Life project moves forward

A GROUP focused on revamping a neglected garden met this week to discuss the future.

The Garden of Life is a £50,000 project which will see the transformation of a space at St Nicholas Hospice Care's Burton Centre.

Currently, the centre's garden is overgrown – but the money, which was won in

the People's Millions competition last year, will change it to an "outdoor haven".

Moira Welham, head of community partnership at the charity, said: "We are blessed to have this outdoor area. We would like it to include a quiet space for reflection and for it to be in use all year round."

"We want people to use it, so the idea of it being a multi-purpose garden is fantastic.

"Going forward, it's all about community involvement and we are very keen to see people involved."

A landscaping firm will be selected to create the garden, with work set to begin in early spring.

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Public right to know

I READ in last week's edition of the weekly that there had been a request to the climate and energy department's minister (West Suffolk MP) Matt Hancock for a list of all those who work for him and what their annual salaries are under the Freedom of Information Act. The minister's office refused to give the information as they say it would be unfair for their names and salaries to be made public. Normally, I would tend to agree but as they are being paid by the taxpayer then it's surely only right and fair to the taxpayer that anyone in the minister's office should have their salaries made public.

We know how much the minister (Matt Hancock) is earning, both his salary and his eye-watering expenses, so why does he not want the taxpayer to know what his staff are earning. Are they, like him, claiming expenses when only he, as our MP, is allowed to do that?

After all it wouldn't be the first time an MP has allowed their staff to claim expenses.

So what is he hiding? And, when he says he does what's best for the taxpayer during the coming weeks and months leading up to the election, just remember who it was who doesn't want you to know what his staff earn!

I wonder if the Tories will use the line in this election "we're all in it together".

Mark Dorey
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A friend in need . . .

BEFORE Cam-Mind changed to Mind in Cambridgeshire I used to meet with a befriender once a week for tea and biscuits. I would not write unless I was desperate. Although I have a Brunel degree I am not a confident person as I have suffered from depression since my teens.

Unfortunately, the organisation in Chesterton Road has stopped the befriending scheme, and I'd really like another. A friend does not hinder one's independence, it enriches it, so I hope one day befriending will return.

I still wonder what my old befriender is up to as we shared a love of fly fishing and gardening. Many a conversation was had on the effectiveness of the White

Your Pictures

Colin Hardy, from Thurlow, sent us this photo of a cock pheasant. He wrote:
"Whenever there is a shoot on he comes to visit us and stays in our garden all day. When it is time to go to roost he knows it is safe to depart. However he has discovered that the wild birds scatter seed from the feeders. An added bonus on his days out to lunch and dinner."

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Drake, a popular fly for brown trout, and the pheasant tail nymph in The Dog & Duck pub over a nice cup of tea. I just wondered if the cuts to mental health had hit other people in the country as much as me. At the end of the day it's amazing what a cup of tea can do, and a caring friend at the end of the phone.

Name and address supplied

Be prepared

IN this cold weather it is vital that the one in 11 people with asthma in your area are prepared because, shockingly, 75% of people with asthma find that cold air makes their asthma worse, putting them at an increased risk of a potentially life-threatening asthma attack.

Data shows that there is a peak in asthma deaths every January in England and Wales. However, people with asthma have told us that they have thought twice about going to

hospital or their GP in the last four weeks, despite knowing they needed specialist treatment. We want to reassure your readers with asthma that nobody having an asthma attack who needs emergency treatment should be anxious about going to A&E. According to the National Review of Asthma Deaths, 45% of those who died from an asthma attack did so without seeking medical assistance or before emergency medical care could be provided. Tragically three people die every day because of asthma attacks, and two of these deaths are preventable, so it's absolutely crucial people with asthma seek

medical assistance for asthma attacks and that their condition is taken seriously.

In this cold weather people with asthma should wrap up warm; carry their reliever inhaler with them at all times; keep taking their regular preventer inhaler as prescribed by their doctor; and speak to their pharmacist or GP to ensure they are using their inhaler correctly.

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Talks on handyman

A DECISION on whether or not to employ a town handyman has been deferred.

Councillors at a full meeting on Tuesday discussed the role, which would be paid for by Haverhill Town Council.

Currently, it is estimated that the project would cost £16,000 annually on a fixed-term basis.

Some expressed concerns about certain jobs being paid for twice, but Cllr Maureen Byrne, deputy mayor, and Cllr Roger André, mayor, said that currently these jobs were not being done at all.

Cllr André said: "The jobs aren't getting done to the detriment of the community and we do want to get these jobs done."

Whichever local authority pays to get the jobs carried out will be doing so with public money, the mayor added.

It was initially hoped that borough and county councils would contribute to the role's costs.

Colin Poole, town clerk, is going to make further investigations and a decision will be made at a later date.

Taste of Latin fever

A ZUMBA course for beginners will be launched in Haverhill next week.

From Tuesday, budding dancers can get a taste of Latin fever at the class, which will take place for six weeks at the Leiston Centre.

Starting from 10am and running until 11.30am, everyone is invited to the easy-top-follow sessions based on the dance craze.

A spokesman for Live Well Suffolk said: "A community health coach will also work with each individual to develop a personal health plan for them, helping them to achieve their goals – whether that's losing weight, being more active, eating healthier or stopping smoking."

The course, which is completely free of charge, will end on March 10.

Pre-book your place and call Live Well Suffolk on (01473) 229292.

For more information about services offered by the organisation visit livewellsuffolk.org.uk

New dance class

DANCE and movement classes are being launched at a hospice centre.

Lisa Mason, who runs her own dance school in Haverhill, is starting Move It! sessions at the Burton Centre from February 5.

The sessions will run for six weeks at the centre, which is run by St Nicholas Hospice Care, and are suitable for people with all levels of mobility.

A spokesman for St Nicholas Hospice Care said: "The free sessions will include many different types of dance and movement aimed at improving movement memory, increasing mobility and creating smiles."

Lisa also has previous experience running mobility classes for people with a range of physical disabilities.

For more information, or to book a free place, contact the centre on (01440) 848260.

The outreach centre opened in May last year and offers a range of therapies and activities for patients suffering from life-shortening illnesses and their families.

Legion to honour poppy sellers

A PRESENTATION honouring the hard work of local poppy sellers will take place next week.

The town's Royal British Legion (RBL) branch is hosting the event on February 7 at Haverhill Library.

Brian Thomas, of the RBL, said sellers in the town collected around £6,500 towards the Poppy Appeal last year.

A number of youngsters who sold the poppies will receive certificates for their hard work.

Commemorative events took place across the town last year to mark the centenary of the start of the First World War.

Children attended poppy making at Haverhill Library, and a new sundial was opened in East Town Park following the efforts of late Cllr Gordon Cox, who died in October.

Cllr Roger André, town mayor, will attend next week's presentation alongside a number of delegates from the RBL.

If you would like to attend, the presentation will start at 12pm. Contact Haverhill Library on (01440) 702638 for further information.

Coat donations will keep families warm this winter



WINTER WARMERS: Above right: The coat handout team from left, Simon Brown, Carla Pinto, Rachel Sego, Claire Jay and Jack Tappin
Pictures: Richard Patterson



FAMILIES in need have benefited from the generosity of the county's NHS staff.

More than 100 winter coats were given out at an event in Haverhill last week.

The coats were distributed in conjunction with REACH Community Projects, at the organisation's centre in town.

NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) contacted the charity to see if any of its clients would be interested.

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Ann Merrigan, foodbank manager, welcomed the initiative at a time when things are tough for many.

She said: "We have got people who are struggling with food, debt issues and they often can't afford heating, so they have to make choices.

"It doesn't really allow money to get a nice warm coat for the winter. It's a great initiative."

Organised by So Active and NHS groups in Suffolk, the give-

away provided coats for all ages, in all sizes and for both sexes.

Around 70 coats were handed out. The SOS bus also distributed drinks and snacks to those collecting a coat on the day.

Ed Garratt, chief operating officer for West Suffolk CCG, said the appeal's response was "more than we had hoped for".

He added: "We've been doing a lot of work to ensure people stay healthy through winter, so this is an extension of that. We hope these coats help people to stay warm and well."

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Dearly loved husband of the late Rita, much loved dad of Keith and Caroline and dearest grandad of Anthony.

Private cremation with a Service of Thanksgiving for his life at Sturmer Parish Church on Wednesday 18th February at 2.00pm.

Family flowers only please but if wished donations for Parkinson's UK may be sent c/o H. J. Paintin Ltd., 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 9HE.

FARRANT Leonard H

Of Kedington
Died after a long illness at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Husband of Jacqueline Audrey, father of Nicholas and Timothy, grandfather of Daniel, Rebecca, Robert and Richard, and great-grandfather of Alfie, Archie and Joseph.

Private funeral service has taken place.

Family Announcements

WHYBROW Eric

of Kedington
Passed away peacefully on Tuesday 13th January 2015, aged 86 years.
Dearly loved husband to Mary, adored dad to John, Kevin, Carole, Vincent, Sarah and the late Daniel, loving grandad, great-grandad and a dear brother.

Much loved by all his family and many friends.

Funeral service at Kedington Parish Church on Monday 2nd February at 1.30pm, followed by interment in the churchyard extension.

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Joy as special buggy arrives for Lily and Willow

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THE lives of two sisters have been transformed with the arrival of a specialist buggy.

Lily and Willow Bamber both suffer from Mitochondrial Disease, a progressive condition which can restrict their mobility.

The sisters, who live in Haverhill's Meadow sweet Close with parents Michelle and Jamie, can now get around with the help of a new buggy, paid for almost in full by anonymous donors.

The buggy, which was purchased through the Newlife Foundation, cost £599.

Michelle, 32, said: "We hope the anonymous donors who helped make this possible will see the picture of the two girls and know how grateful we are for their support."

The family made their initial appeal through the charity at the start of December and, earlier this month, thanked the anonymous donors for their generosity.

Money was pledged to the family almost immediately after their appeal, with some visiting them in person to make a contribution.

Lily, who started primary school in 2013, can no longer walk unaided and Willow is just starting to take her first steps.

The 5-year-old uses a walking frame, and has an electric wheelchair for use at school. It is not yet known how Willow will develop.

Before, the sisters had to go out and about in a normal buggy – but now mum Michelle's fears of her children outgrowing the equipment have been laid to rest.

The buggy can be used for both girls together or each of them separately, Michelle said, and is easy to load in and out of the car.

She added: "Lily has said that it feels more comfy – it's great."

HAPPY FAMILY: Michelle and Jamie with Lily and Willow, above right.

Picture: Richard Patterson

RIGHT: Lily and Willow Bamber in their new buggy.



Market in line for top award at ceremony

TWO initiatives which brought crowds to Haverhill market have led to an awards nomination.

The town's market hosted the first ever youth market and motorshow in 2014, with families arriving in town to take advantage of the free entertainment.

Now, Haverhill market is in the

running to take home a prize at the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA) awards, which were being held today.

The town is up for the best "Love Your Local Market" event for both the show, and youth market.

Both events will return this year, with the youth market set for May

and the motorshow for July 11.

The latter will form part of a vehicle-packed weekend, taking place the day before Haverhill Town Council's annual transport rally and road run.

To make suggestions about your local market email sharon.fairweather@westsuffolk.gov.uk.

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Decision due to be made on plan for flats

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build "eyesore" flats will go before councillors for a decision.

The application, for new homes off Haverhill's Burton End, will hopefully be decided next week.

It will go before the Development Control Committee of St Edmundsbury Borough Council on February 5.

Fifteen flats have been proposed for Anglian Place, where two blocks of affordable homes already exist.

Nearby residents have already made complaints about the homes – and have said that this new block will be the last straw.

The plans were resubmitted at the end of last year to comply with residents' concerns, which included wildlife, flood risk and privacy.

A new consultation period for the application ended on Monday.

A spokesman for Prime Crest, which is the company responsible for the plans, said that changes were made to the appearance of the properties to match those nearby.

Three two bedroomeed apartments were also replaced with three one bedroomeed apartments to reduce the overall accommodation and footprint of the building, he said.

The Development Control Committee will meet at 10am at West Suffolk House, Bury St Edmunds.

To view the plans, visit westsuffolk.gov.uk



Community groups awarded £23,000

PROJECTS improving the quality of life for Haverhill residents have been awarded more than £20,000.

First responders, sports clubs and Scouting groups are only some of the recipients of the latest round of ONE Haverhill grants, which were announced last week.

The board has given out £23,664 in total.

Warren Smyth, chair of the grants panel, said: "We

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received 17 applications in this round requesting funding for local community projects.

"Many congratulations to all of them and we look forward to seeing the outcomes of these projects for the town."

The Haverhill Community First Responders will use its grant, of £2,000, towards

purchasing a public access defibrillator.

David Halsey, the group's co-ordinator, said the donation will help to secure "vital life-saving equipment".

Money was also awarded to REACH Community Projects for two different branches of work.

A total of £2,500 will go to the REACH Money Advice Service, set up in 2014 to provide debt advice, while

£1,000 will enable the charity to provide racking for the foodbank.

Other recipients included Haverhill Gymnastics Club, The Voluntary Network and Avenues East.

Haverhill and District Rotary Club was awarded £700. Rotarians will use the money to pay for 100 long life smoke alarms, which will be fitted into vulnerable households across town.

Session for potential candidates

A FURTHER reminder has been issued to residents keen to stand in their local elections.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council is holding an information session for would-be candidates to find out more about the role.

As previously reported, this will take place on February 11 at 6pm at West Suffolk House in Bury St Edmunds.

Cllr David Ray, cabinet member for resources and performance, has hailed the role of a councillor as a "great one" that he would "thoroughly recommend".

"One day you may be everybody's friend galvanising your residents to achieve their ambition, the next you will be making budget decisions which may leave you unpopular with certain members of your community," he said.

A spokesman for the borough council said candidates can stand as independents, or for their preferred political party.

Ten nominations will be required for each candidate from the ward they wish to represent.

A session is also taking place at Forest Heath District Council, the local authority's partner, on February 23.

The deadline to book a place is February 7.

Email emma.barrett@westsuffolk.gov.uk or call (01284) 757022.

Nomination papers are available from late February, and must be returned by April 9.

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TOP OF THE CHOPS: Members of the Chalkstone Karate Club.

Club boosts centre's funds

MARTIAL arts enthusiasts raised hundreds of pounds for a hospice centre.

Members of Chalkstone Karate Club worked together on an open evening which made £300 for the Burton Centre, run by St Nicholas Hospice Care in Haverhill.

The event allowed members of the public to see the club in action, and even try karate

themselves in exchange for donations.

Steve Hart, senior instructor, has been a club member for more than 25 years. He said the hospice was chosen as the beneficiary because some of the club's family members had received care there.

Jordan Hughes, community fundraiser, said: "For

Chalkstone Karate Club to have raised £300 for the Burton Centre is fantastic."

"The centre hasn't been open a year yet and already the support it has been shown has been excellent. Thank you to the club for thinking of us."

For more information about the Burton Centre call (01440) 848260.

Scam warning for residents

FAMILIES are being urged not to fall for a new council tax scam.

The warning has come after a Suffolk resident received an email saying their council tax was overdue.

Entitled, "Your Council Tax Bill Overdue", the email claimed there was a council tax bill to be paid.

It also demanded that personal information was provided within 72 hours or further action would be taken against them.

Suffolk Trading Standards is offering advice about how to stay safe from such scams in the county.

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Unsolicited emails should always be checked, Trading Standards said, or reported to the police if a resident is concerned about the contents.

A spokesman for the county council said: "This scam comes around every year."

St Edmundsbury Borough Council is also encouraging its tax payers to get in touch if they receive any strange correspondence.

Anglia Revenues Partnership, which collects the council tax on behalf of the authority, has also issued

its own warning.

A spokesman for the borough added: "If any of our residents are suspicious or unsure after receiving any form of correspondence they should telephone (01284) 757275."

Both local authorities have also reminded people that they would never send emails requesting personal information, or an update in details.

They would also never make requests for payment, as bills are sent out by post.

If you have received a suspicious email, you can also contact Suffolk Trading Standards on 03454 040506.

County is ready for this year's cold snap

NINE new gritters have been purchased by Suffolk County Council to help out through the cold weather.

Old gritters have been replaced by the new additions, while a further 29 have been upgraded.

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are 39 gritters, each of which has an attachable snow plough.

There are also three mini gritters to tackle the icy weather.

There are 1,225 miles of priority gritting routes in Suffolk, with 34 of those taking a total

of two-and-a-half hours to complete when there is icy weather.

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How tsunami taught me that death is not the end

Ten years ago, Simon Parr was on a beach in Phuket when the devastating Boxing Day tsunami hit. He managed to cheat death by climbing trees – and, he tells Emma Higginbotham, it's changed the way he sees the world.

BOXING Day 2004. Clinging to a thorny tree, the debris-strewn flood waters swirling menacingly around him, Simon Parr knew his time was running out.

He'd just witnessed two people lose their lives to the powerful waves that were battering this once idyllic Thai beach. And, watching in horror as a colossal wall of water careered towards him, realised that he'd almost certainly be next.

"I'm thinking 'What is this, the end of the world?'" recalls Simon, shaking his head. "It was just like Armageddon."

More than 200,000 people were killed in the disaster. But Simon survived to tell the tale – and, he says, it's given him a rather different outlook on life.

The story began when Simon, a builder, bought the 17th century cottage in Cottenham that's now his home. It needed a lot of work, so he decided to go travelling before beginning the renovations. Looking for something different to do, he decided to have a crack at becoming a scuba diving instructor and, in October 2004, headed to Phuket in Thailand to start training; by December he was a qualified dive master.

"Boxing Day was my first day off for 10 days, which is a lot of diving, so we went out for a few bevvies in the evening," recalls Simon, 52. "Then the next day I woke up and I thought 'It feels like the bed's shaking. I've drunk too much! I know what I need: a dip in the ocean'."

He wandered down to beautiful Kata Beach, "and when I got there I was looking out to sea thinking 'This is weird: the sea's gone way, way out'. I'd never, ever seen it like that." He began to walk out towards where the sea should be, "just totally puzzled, really. Obviously I'd had a drink as well, so there was probably a bit of that still swirling round, although I soon sobered up . . ."

Suddenly, a shallow yet powerful wave began speeding across the sand. "It was just rushing past my ankles, really strong and extraordinarily fast. I still had no idea what was going on, I just thought 'Crikey, I could get knocked over here.'" He turned and began to run back to the beach, "then all of a sudden a bigger wave came and knocked me down, boom, really hard."

Simon scrambled back up and carried on running but, as he did, he watched in terror as a long-tail boat was flung into the air by the ferocious wave, "and there's a guy running in front of me, and this anchor comes flying past me and just takes this guy straight out. It was awful."

"Then one of these boats is up on the wave and it's coming right at me with the propeller spinning round. I dived out of the way, otherwise I knew I'd get shredded. Immediately I knew I was in a life-or-death situation. There was no question about it."

Just as he reached the shoreline, the water began rushing backwards again, "and I saw this old, frail guy getting drawn away from the beach. My instinct was to run, but something inside me said 'You can't just leave him like that'."

"So I grabbed hold of him and started trying to drag him up the beach, but the water was rushing back so fast that all I could do was



DEVASTATION: The beach in Phuket after the waves hit, above. Left: Simon with the tree that saved his life

by the crashing water, which began sweeping them inland. "I spun round and went feet first, because I'm starting to go really quickly towards the trees. I can see this guy going headfirst, and I'm shouting 'Mind your head!' But he just went smack into a tree headfirst, and disappeared under the water."

There was nothing Simon could do; he was being pushed too hard into the trees himself, "like a pinball in a pinball machine. And then I'm thinking 'Oh my God', because I can see all of the water going into this small building. The door's open, and the water's rushing in, and I'm going into that building, and I can't do anything except try to grab hold of trees and stop myself."

Fortunately, Simon was swept around the building, "and I managed to grab hold of a small tree and hang on to that." As if the situation wasn't bad enough, the tree was covered with thorns, "so I'm climbing up and getting cuts as I go, and there's these big red ants biting me, literally stuck in my skin. I'm like 'I can't believe this! Am I dreaming?'"

But far worse was to come. As Simon clung to the tree, he became aware of a terrible noise: "It was a growly, rumbling sound, and I looked out to sea – and there is the biggest wave I've ever seen, a big wall of water, coming towards

stand, wedged into the sand, and hold on to him while we're both being dragged back in towards the sea. Then to the left of me all of a sudden I'm seeing a big wave, coming along the beach sideways, and every single parasol and sunbed along that beach was tumbling around, like it's in a washing machine. All this debris was just coming towards us, then bang, it's hit us." The wave separated the pair, "and then there's another wave coming in the other way."

Simon and the elderly man were scooped up

me. I'm like 'What is this?', just bemused.

"Then this wave hits, and starts breaking over the top of the building, and the whole building just collapses on to the tree, at which point I said 'I'm dead'. The whole tree went under the water. I was scared to death."

It was now that Simon's diving training came in useful: "I opened my eyes under the water, and I can see and feel bits of debris, and I'm starting to scrap and scrap, trying to get up to get some breath."

"Then I manage to pop up to the surface and take a big gulp of air, and there's just everything floating around: bits of boats, a car swirling around, and the water's going this way and that."

"My instinct still is 'get in a tree', so I manage to catch hold of a foam cushion, which had some flotation, grab hold of a tree, and stick this cushion in the middle of the palm tree – they're really sharp, you see – and pull myself into it. I'm just literally sitting on top of this palm tree." He's kept the cushion to this day.

Gradually the water began to subside, "and I could hear people screaming and crying, I remember seeing other people in trees, but I just wanted to get away from the sea, so as the water went down to a foot or so, I climbed down."

"Then the water started coming back again, so then I climbed up this other tree."

Eventually Simon climbed down and began running home to the room he was renting.

Back in his room, Simon texted his brother to let him know he was OK.

Unlike many, Simon stayed on in Thailand for another three months, helping to clear the debris. The mood, he said, was 'very sombre. A lot of people had died. It was awful.'

"I was in shock for quite some time, and I was very ill afterwards, I think because I'd ingested a lot of dodgy stuff; a few of us had upset stomachs because of being in the dirty water. And a lot of people got post-traumatic stress disorder, but I just felt elated because I'd survived."

Back home in Cottenham, Simon busied himself restoring his cottage. As a builder, he'd



It was a growly, rumbling sound, and I looked out to sea – and there is the biggest wave I've ever seen, a big wall of water, coming towards me. Then this wave hits, and starts breaking over the top of the building, and the whole building just collapses

always had back problems, "and I'd heard that Rachel Casson in the village was a sports therapist, so I made an appointment with her. I'd also heard that she did some psychic stuff, and I was vaguely interested in that, although I was a complete atheist."

He went along for a massage and, as she treated his back, Rachel mentioned that she was a medium and spiritual healer. "She said 'I've got someone here with me at the moment'. I thought 'This is mental!', he laughs, "but she brought through what I can only say described my aunt, who'd passed away not long before. I thought 'Wow, this is weird!'"

Simon continued to go to Rachel for treatment, "and she kept telling me more and more; she was bringing through my dad, and my sister, who'd committed suicide. I said 'Look, I can't dispute what you're saying, it's accurate, but I can't believe it. When you're dead you're dead'."

He then decided to test Rachel: "I said: 'Do you ever see me in a dangerous situation? Like a disaster?' And she closed her eyes and went 'I can see lots of people around you, drowning'.

"And I thought 'Flipping heck!' I'd never, ever mentioned the tsunami. But despite that, my logical mind was still struggling to believe it."

One day, Rachel said that the spirits would give him a sign: a tingling sensation in the back of his head, "and I thought 'Rubbish!'" he laughs.

"Anyway, she says 'You're going to feel it now', and I could feel this tingling! So I went away really starting to believe there was something in it."

Gradually, Simon says he began developing his own psychic awareness, "and when I started to reflect, there are things that I didn't understand when I was younger, and now I'm wondering if it was some kind of spiritual influence." He recalls an air of

loneliness that overwhelmed him just hours before he heard the news that his sister had taken her own life, and a strong feeling that he'd be in a plane that crashes into the ocean: "And one day the penny dropped: what I'd been seeing is flying somewhere in a plane, and ending up in a disastrous situation in the sea."

Simon now volunteers at the Newmarket Pioneer Centre, a Spiritualist church in Cardigan Street, and regularly attends The Arthur Findlay College, a college of Spiritualism and psychic sciences in Stansted. What do his friends and family think? "My brother doesn't buy it at all; my mum's a bit more open to it, and the majority of my old friends probably think I'm bonkers," he grins.

But, he insists, he doesn't mind what people think of him, "because what I'm telling is my true experience. I've got nothing to gain from it. Rachel opened my mind up to something that I never believed could be true, that after you die your spirit goes on, and that's what I believe now."

"And I'm not perfect by any means, but I think if more people lived by the Spiritualist principles – basically 'be good to other people' – then the world would be a better place.

"A lot of people don't know what Spiritualism is. They probably think a medium is someone at a fairground with a crystal ball telling a future to someone to make money.

"All I want to do is tell people that there are hundreds of Spiritual National Union churches that you

can go into for free, meet like-minded people and get a message. It starts to help you make sense of your life, and stops you being scared of death.

"Because for me, death is not the end."

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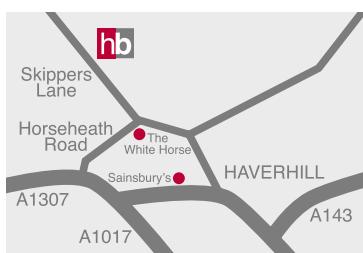
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Cash for rescue team

A FAMILY fun day has raised more than £1,000 for a Suffolk-wide charity.

Suffolk Police dedicated their annual family day to the Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue team (SuLSaR).

Each year the event is organised and run by volunteers for staff, their family and friends.

SuLSaR was the chosen beneficiary for the fundraiser, which made more than £1,850 in

total.

Detective Constable Debbie Bates said: "It was a fantastic day for everyone and we're delighted to have raised so much money for a very worthy cause."

"SuLSaR is a charitable organisation made up of a hardy group of volunteers who come out in all weathers, 365 days of the year, to help search for vulnerable missing people and rely solely on donations to be able to operate."

Volunteers needed to be hospice neighbours

**A VOLUNTEER-led service needs
more supporters.**

Hospice neighbours, run by St Nicholas Hospice Care, started four years ago and helps patients dealing with long-term illnesses.

More volunteers, who visit patients in their own homes, are being sought for the scheme so it can grow to support more people and their families.

Kay Newman, co-ordinator, said: "The service means we can support people in the community so they can die somewhere of their choice, which is primarily at home."

"If people have a hospice neighbour coming in once a week then it gives the carer a bit more support to help keep the patient at home longer."

Currently, the scheme has 150 hospice neighbours working in 17 teams – but five of these teams need co-ordinators.

Kay said: "The main aim of co-

DEBRA FOX

ordinators is to give support to their teams and to support each other.

"Without them we would seriously struggle, because there is no way we could give that level of one-to-one support to everyone."

"The co-ordinators have a duty of care to look after our hospice neighbours, so that is why they are so important."

Between April, 2013, and April, last year, hospice neighbours spent more than 3,700 hours carrying out visits.

The volunteers provide companionship for patients, as well as carrying out housework, gardening, shopping and other work.

St Nicholas Hospice Care has an outreach centre in Haverhill, which opened last year.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Producer tells of crowdfunding

A SERIES of events has launched for 2015 at the best of Haverhill.

The group held its first monthly event of the year at the Days Inn with producer and director Anthony Caulfield.

Mr Caulfield, of Gracious Films, spoke to members about crowdfunding – a new method of fundraising in the UK.

Alongside wife and business partner Nicola, Mr Caulfield set up a crowdfunding campaign to pay for the making of a documentary on the video game industry.

Elaine Carr, owner of the best of Haverhill, said: "What a fantastic story with some excellent lessons for business owners."

"The level of determination and perseverance to push the project forward was inspiring."

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Car catches fire in street

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a car blaze in Haverhill last week.

The incident happened shortly after 12.30am on Friday in Teasels Close.

Firefighters used BA sets and hose reel jets to get the fire under control shortly after 1am.

Still time to sign up for sale

A VALENTINE'S Day table top sale will take place at Haverhill Arts Centre.

The event will run between 10am and 1.30pm. Tables cost £7. To reserve one, call (01440) 703047.

Contact Haverhill Arts Centre, on the High Street, for more information on (01440) 714140.



PRESENTATION: Cllr Roger André, town mayor, with the Summer Bash cash recipients.

Groups awarded money from Bash

THOUSANDS of pounds have been handed out to charities after one of Haverhill's biggest events.

The Summer Bash, which took place across two days in July, raised £4,000.

Organised by a committee, and with help from Haverhill Town Council and the Haverhill Community Sports Association, the event celebrated its second year in 2014.

Money has been awarded to Lamp H, REACH, Haverhill Scouts and Guides, Fire and Ice Majorettes, St Nicholas Hospice Care and Haverhill Community Resource Unit (CRU).

David Doughty, the Summer Bash committee chairman, said: "Again Haverhill talent, businesses, volunteers, groups and the town council pulled together to put on a fun-filled family weekend whose purpose is to show off what our town has to offer, to provide fun and raise money for local good causes.

"Haverhill is a town to be proud of."

Signal law is scrapped

A NEW law to help improve mobile phone signals in rural areas has been scrapped by the government in a move welcomed by the West Suffolk-based CLA.

At the beginning of the month, the government proposed a replacement of the Electronic Communications Code to try and improve mobile coverage in rural areas.

However, the CLA, an organisation which represents farmers and landowners in Suffolk, took "strong

NATALIE ROBINSON

opposition" to the fact that mobile phone companies could impose terms such as rents and wayleave payments onto landowners so that they could access their land.

The organisation, which is based in Newmarket, welcomed the withdrawal after finding "significant flaws" in the way the code would work.

Ben Underwood, CLA's regional director in the east, said he was pleased the plans were being withdrawn.

He said: "There were deep flaws with what was proposed. It was too complex and unworkable for all sides.

"We are keen to collaborate with the government to secure reform of this code.

"The end objective we all want is better mobile coverage in Suffolk and across the whole of the eastern

region.

"Currently, there are too many rural areas all but cut off from the communications that are part of every day life for most."

"However, this can only be achieved through proper consultation and we will now be seeking reassurance that this will take place."

The decision to withdraw the plans means the Electronic Communications Code will stay in place for now.

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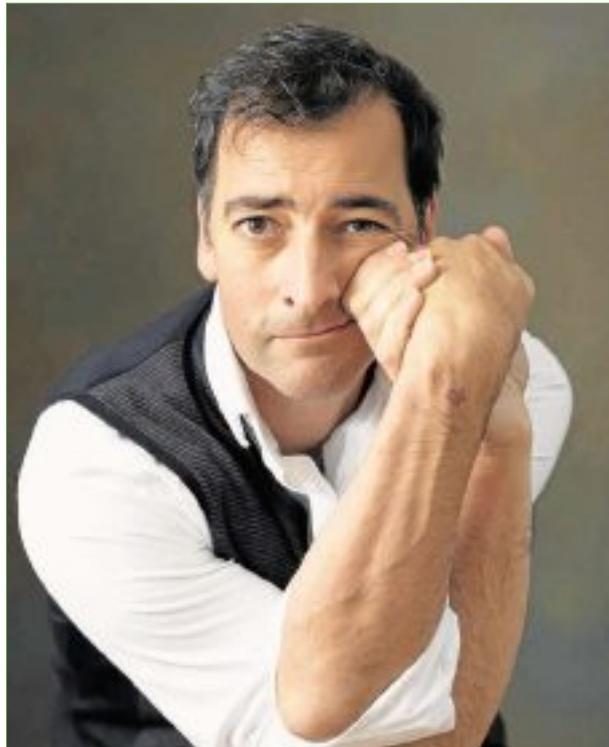
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the Comedy GUIDE

at the double



Two comedians, one show, shared billing – the barbs are going to be out, right?

Apparently Jasper Carrott and Alistair McGowan think it's going to be totally fine with no nasty competition sneaking in. The pair are bringing their joint headline show to Cambridge Corn Exchange, and actually appear to be rather into the idea.

Carrott said: "It's an exciting opportunity to work with an artist I've admired for many years, I just hope he's not TOO funny!"

McGowan said: "Jasper was the first comic I ever saw performing 'live' when I was a teenager so it's a real thrill to be working in tandem with him."

What doesn't make sense is the fact that surely these two are entertaining enough to pack out a theatre in their own rights?

Never mind, it's a good 2-4-1 deal at least.

Expect a slew of comedic anecdotes from stand-up Carrott (Robert Norman Davis OBE),

who's now approaching his 70th birthday but still going strong. Probably best known for writing numerous ditties on his hometown of Birmingham and a string of BBC shows, we appreciate him most for producing Dawn in The Office, played by his daughter Lucy Davis.

McGowan will of course be sharing his best impressions, of which there are now too many to list.

The 50-year-old has been collecting a cache of voices since starting out on Spitting Image before going onto make The Big Impression with then love Ronnie Ancona, the pair of them immortalising themselves as Posh and Becks.

In recent years he's been honing his theatre skills, starring in The Mikado, Little Shop of Horrors and Pygmalion.

Jasper Carrott & Alistair McGowan, Cambridge Corn Exchange, Wednesday, February 18, at 8pm. Tickets £22-£27.50 from (01223) 357851 / cornex.co.uk



JOINT ADMIRATION: Good 2-4-1 deal Jasper Carrott is appearing with Alistair McGowan at Cambridge Corn Exchange

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Jenkins on tour

Mezzo soprano and Welsh sweetheart Katherine Jenkins is bringing her *Home Sweet Home* tour to Cambridge Corn Exchange. Prices start at £37.50 and rise to £137.50 which includes a meet, greet and photo opportunity with the singer, a welcome glass of sparkling wine and signed photo.

The 34-year-old Classical Brit Award winner will be performing numbers off her latest album – *Home Sweet Home*, which Classic FM said sees “a return to more traditionally classical repertoire” – as well as all the old favourites.

There'll be support from Welsh West End actor and singer John Owen-Jones.

■ Cambridge Corn Exchange, Wednesday, February 11 at

7.30pm. Tickets £57.50-£137.50 from (01223) 357851 / cornex.co.uk



Folk with a few twists

False Lights (Feat. Sam Carter and Jim Moray), Cambridge Junction, Monday, February 9, at 8pm. Tickets £11 from (01223) 515111 / junction.co.uk

BBBC 2 Folk Award winners and Cambridge Folk Festival favourites Sam Carter and Jim Moray got a bit tipsy down the pub one night late in 2013 and decided to form a folk rock group together, as you do. They recruited Nick Cooke from the Kate Rusby band on melodeon, Tom Moore from Moore, Moss Rutter on violin, Jon Thorne from Lamb on bass, and drummer Sam Nadel.

Now they're celebrating the release of their first album, *Salvor* and going out on tour, including a stop at Cambridge Junction.

A record packed with “folk music you can jump to” it was recorded in a log cabin in Lincolnshire and mainly consists of traditional English folk songs – but with a few twists. This is no genial folk group that sits in the corner of a fire lit pub strumming softly to themselves, this stuff is loud.

Whiter than white

NAOMI Slade has always had a soft spot for snowdrops.

Growing up in west Wales where winters are cold and damp, she would gather a little posy of snowdrops for her mother on Valentine's Day, when little else was in flower.

Years later, the keen horticulturist and author has charted her love of these pint-sized beauties in *The Plant Lover's Guide To Snowdrops*, where she not only examines the many different varieties, but offers design ideas on where they can be shown off to their best.

“Very often people leave snowdrops to make the best of things unaided,” she observes. “If they are lucky, they get divided or fed, but the predominant regimen is one of benign neglect.

“A little care pays dividends, however, and to elevate the show from just delightful to simply fabulous, it is worth thinking about plants to accompany snowdrops as a background or counterpoint.”

While snowdrops look amazing naturalised in a woodland area, if you have a medium-sized garden they look best with other plants, says Naomi.



by Hannah Stephenson

“In general, if a plant keeps itself to itself – think clumping ferns, small bulbs and specimen trees – it is probably a good neighbour as far as snowdrops are concerned,” she observes.

Avoid placing snowdrops with dense evergreens with mats of roots, spreading plants such as comfrey and some of the more vigorous geraniums and herbaceous perennials that need dividing every few years such as helianthus and asters.

Instead, partner them with other small bulbs, she suggests.

“They look great with purple Crocus tommasinianus and dwarf irises, or planted under a tree with bright gold aconites or cyclamen.

“Grasses are another pleasing companion and not necessarily the most obvious choice – that particular award is held by hellebores, and not in a bad way, either.”

Personally, I wouldn't particularly think of putting snowdrops in a container, but Naomi has other ideas, although they will need plenty of TLC if you put them in a pot, she warns.

“If you want to try growing them in a container, choose decent-sized pots, repot every year to avoid depletion of nutrients and a general



reduction in compost quality, and make sure that the pots don't freeze.”

Create temporary displays in pots, planting vigorous clumps into large tubs mixed with hellebores, small evergreens and primroses, or plant them in pots on their own, or alternated with similar sized pots of irises, crocuses or succulents.

For container planting pick a robust candidate, species *Galanthus elwesii*, *G. nivalis*, or the common double *Galanthus nivalis* ‘Flore Pleno’ are all ideal, she says.

For small pots you can plant them with colourful heuchera or *Tellima grandiflora* or with the black lilyturf, *Ophiopogon planiscapus* ‘Nigrescens’. They also look good as part of an arrangement with mini daffodils and trailing ivy and add sparkle to more formal, larger containers with clipped box forms and skimmia.

In large gardens, they can form spectacular swathes against dark branches and evergreen

leaves, but never plant them in a straight line or regular pattern. Just scatter the bulbs randomly and then plant them where they fall.

If you have a lawn which has a lot of foot traffic, avoid planting snowdrops there as they don't like being trampled and won't welcome their leaves being cut by the mower early on in the season.

They do well planted under cultivated shrubs and trees such as butcher's broom (*Ruscus aculeatus*), an evergreen with red berries, variegated holly or even sorbus and hawthorn.

In rockery settings, common types such as *Galanthus* ‘S. Arnott’, *G. nivalis* and *G. elwesii* will multiply fairly quickly to make a good show. Try *G. 'Flore Pleno'* with alpine plants such as *semper-vivens*, *sedums* and *lewisias*.

■ *The Plant Lover's Guide To Snowdrops* by Naomi Slade is published by Timber Press, priced £17.99

Latest news and events from



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■ With rave reviews PETER PAN, Centre Stage Company's swashbuckling adventure continues from Thursday, January 29, to Saturday, January 31 (various times). Tickets are practically sold out, check with the Box Office on (01440) 714140.

■ On the cinema front, the arts centre has two further screenings of THE IMITATION GAME (12A) on Monday, February 2, at 1.30pm and Thursday, February 5, at 7.30pm. It tells the story of Alan Turing, the British mathematician who led the charge to crack the German Enigma Code that helped the Allies win the Second World War. HERMITAGE REVEALED on Tuesday, February 3, at 7.30pm is an unprecedented look at the special collections of The Hermitage museum.

This film showcases some of the oldest, rarest, most precious and most closely guarded of Russia's great treasures.

It also vividly brings to life the remarkable human stories behind its journey from imperial palace to state museum. INTERSTELLAR (12A) starring Michael Caine, Anne Hathaway, Matthew McConaughey and Jessica Chastain is showing on Wednesday, February 4, at 7.30pm. With time on Earth coming to an end, a team of explorers undertake the most important mission in human history; travelling beyond this



INTERGALACTIC: *Interstellar*

galaxy to discover whether mankind has a future among the stars. This film comes with a warning to those of you who suffer from the effects of strobe lighting.

■ Events to look forward to are a recorded broadcast by The Bolshoi Bal-

let of SWAN LAKE on Sunday, February 8, a Royal Shakespeare Company live broadcast of LOVE'S LABOURS LOST on Wednesday, February 11 and THE NEIL DIAMOND STORY – the life of a legend in song on Friday February 13, not forgetting 60s SPECTACULAR on Wednesday, February

18, starring The Dakotas (stars of the British Invasion event in the USA) with special guests Sounds Force 5.

■ LISTINGS

■ Thursday, January 29, at 7pm Centre Stage Company present PETER PAN

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■ Friday, January 30, at 7pm Centre Stage Company present PETER PAN

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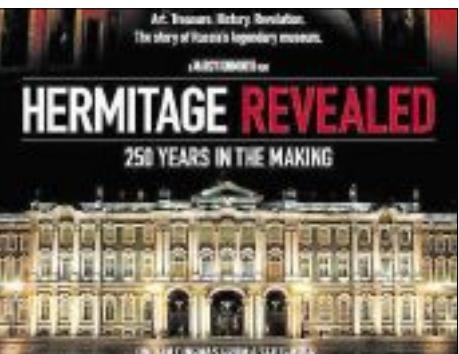
■ Saturday, January 31, at 3pm & 7pm Centre Stage Company present PETER PAN

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■ Monday, February 2, at 1.30pm THE IMITATION GAME (12A)

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Laurel Close: £425,000

THIS spacious four bedroom detached house in Laurel Close, one of Haverhill's most desirable cul-de-sacs, is now on the market with an asking price of £425,000.

It has accommodation including an entrance hall and downstairs cloakroom, a lounge, a kitchen/breakfast room and utility room and a snug/study. Upstairs the master bedroom comes with en suite, and there is a second bedroom with dressing room, as well as two more bedrooms and a family bathroom.

An office is accessed via a door from the rear garden, and is connected to the garage. There is driveway parking to the front of the property and a mature rear garden with trees, shrubs, decking and patio area including a brick-built sunken barbecue, a fish pond and wooden sheds.

Viewing is by arrangement with Kevin Henry on (01440) 840043.

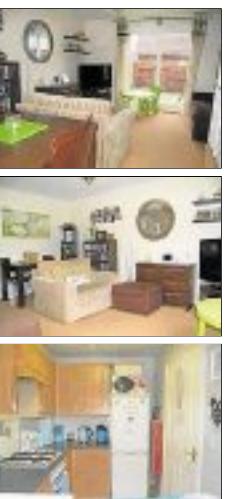


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- Cloakroom
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AVAILABLE NOW

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**Jupiter Close £274,950**

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**Recreation Road**

Extended end of terrace family house situated in a close to town location. The property offers lounge, family room/study, kitchen/diner, ground floor family bathroom and three bedrooms to the first floor. There is also the added benefit of UPVC double glazing (where stated), generous rear garden, gas fired central heating and driveway providing off road parking. EPC rating: E. 46.

**£176,500**NO ONWARD
CHAIN**Friar Close****£250,000**

Well presented detached family house situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location. The property offers lounge, g/f cloakroom, dining room, kitchen, sun room/lean to, four bedrooms, family bathroom, UPVC double glazed windows (where stated), gas fired central heating, enclosed rear garden, garage & driveway providing ample off road parking.

EPC Rating: D. 67.

**Mount Pleasant, Hundon****£465,000**

Well maintained and extended detached bungalow offering lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, UPVC double glazed windows and doors, oil fired central heating to radiators, extensive mature gardens, detached workshop and garage. Countryside views to both front and rear elevations. EPC rating: D. 60.

**Ash Walk, Stradishall****£129,950**

Ideal investment property currently achieving a rent of £525pcm with tenants in situ. The property offers g/f cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining area, utility area, two bedrooms, bathroom, UPVC double glazed windows & doors, oil fired central heating to radiators, front & rear gardens and a garage en bloc. EPC Rating: E. 51.

**Hopton Rise**

Well presented detached family house situated on the popular Hanchett Grange development offering lounge, g/f cloakroom, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, four bedrooms, en-suite to master, family bathroom, UPVC double glazed windows & doors, gas fired central heating, enclosed rear garden, attached double garage & driveway.

EPC Rating: D. 57.

£325,000NO ONWARD
CHAIN**Steeplechase, Hundon**

Character cottage situated in the popular Suffolk village of Hundon offering lounge, kitchen/diner, study, two bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor. There is also the added benefit of UPVC double glazed windows and doors. The property is in need of some updating.

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MANAGEMENT**Crowland Road £239,995**

Well presented family home offering versatile accommodation. Approximately 1520 square ft comprising g/f shower room, family room/bedroom four to the ground floor. Lounge, kitchen/dining room & cloakroom to the first floor with three bedrooms and bathroom to second floor. Garage & driveway.

EPC Rating: D, 66.

**Cambridge Way £95,000**

Spacious end of terrace house offering lounge, cloakroom (to be fitted), dining area, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, double glazing (where stated) and front & rear gardens. In need of decoration & refurbishment.

The property is of non standard construction and therefore being sold to cash buyers only. EPC Rating: F, 37.

**Broad Street £220,000**

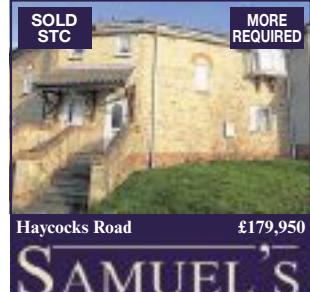
Victorian extended terraced family house offering lounge, dining room, kitchen, g/f cloakroom, four bedrooms with en-suite shower room to master, family bathroom, double glazing (where stated), gas fired central heating to radiators, enclosed rear garden and garage to rear. EPC Rating: D, 55.

**Ash Walk, Stradishall £129,950**

Terraced family house situated in a popular residential location representing an ideal purchase for investment and first time buyers. The property offers lounge, dining room, kitchen, sun room, two bedrooms, bathroom, UPVC double glazed windows and doors, garage en bloc and front & rear gardens. EPC rating: E, 48.

**Withersfield Road £142,500**

Terraced property situated in this close to town location. The property offers lounge, dining room, ground floor cloakroom, kitchen and two bedrooms and family bathroom to the first floor. There is also the added benefit of gas fired central heating to radiators and a rear garden. EPC Rating: D, 65.

**Pipers Close £114,950****Haycocks Road £179,950****SAMUEL'S****SAMUEL'S****Stockley Close £165,000****SAMUEL'S****Clements Close £65,000****SAMUEL'S****Bloomsfield Road £145,000****SAMUEL'S****Seymour Drive £725 pcm**

Well presented end of terrace property offering L-shaped lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms with en-suite shower room to master, family bathroom, gas fired central heating, front & rear gardens, UPVC double glazing, driveway & single garage. Available February 2015. No Smokers or Pets. Housing Benefit Not Accepted. EPC Rating: C, 72.

**Sorrel Walk £725 pcm**

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**The Green, Little Thurlow £875 pcm**

Semi-detached family house offering lounge, study/snug, modern kitchen/diner, utility room, ground floor cloakroom, three bedrooms, modern family bathroom, UPVC double glazing & oil fired central heating. Available now. Regret no smokers or pets. Housing benefit not accepted. EPC rating: C, 71.

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HAVERHILL £299,000


A detached family home located on the 'Turpins Ride' development. With accommodation to include a lounge, kitchen, dining room, cloakroom, four bedrooms with en-suite shower room to master and a family bathroom. Driveway, tandem garage and front and rear gardens.

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A rare opportunity to purchase this well presented three bedroom detached bungalow located in the rural village of Hundon. Benefiting from good sized accommodation to include a lounge/diner, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms with en-suite cloakroom to master and a family bathroom.

HAVERHILL £215,000

HAVERHILL £235,000


This semi detached family home located on the ever popular Cambridge side of town. A well presented property boasts accommodation to include a spacious lounge, refitted kitchen/diner, G/F WC, three bedrooms, en-suite to master and a family bathroom. To the front of the property is a low maintenance front garden area. To the side is a driveway for two vehicles leading to an attached single garage. A fully enclosed rear garden which is mainly laid to lawn with patio area off the rear of the property.

A detached family home is located on the popular 'Roman Way' development just a five minutes' walk from Haverhill Golf Course and East Town Park. Accommodation to include a kitchen/diner, lounge, conservatory, cloakroom, three double bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside to the front is a driveway with off road parking for two vehicles leading to a single garage with up and over door, power and lighting. Viewing is recommended.

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Aragon Road

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Poplar Close

Offers In Excess Of £167,500
A very well presented and rarely available two bedroom semi-detached home on the Cambridge side of town. The property benefits from gas central heating and uPVC double glazing, and offers spacious accommodation throughout making this either the perfect starter home or investment purchase.



Duddery Court

Guide Price £110,000
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Offers In Excess Of £150,000
A 3 bedroom end of terrace house offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN on the Clements estate, situated within a five minute walk of the town centre. The property would benefit from being updated in some areas, but does benefit from a recently replaced boiler and spacious accommodation throughout.



Foxburrow Close

Guide Price £229,995
CXG are delighted to offer this spacious family home on the popular Arrendene estate. With two receptions rooms and four bedrooms, three of which are double bedrooms this property would suit the needs of any growing family. The back of the garage has been converted to a utility room to add further internal space.



Bramley Road

Guide Price £299,995
A rare opportunity to purchase this highly spacious detached family home in the area of Strawberry Fields on the Cambridge side of town. The property benefits from having two reception rooms AND conservatory, three double bedrooms and one single with an en-suite to the master. Viewing highly recommended.



Mill Road

Offers In Excess Of £475,000
GRADE II LISTED THATCHED COTTAGE WITH DETACHED ANNEX CXG are proud to offer this stunning thatched cottage, which has been improved throughout retaining many period features. The original cottage is thought to date back to the 16th century, with a rear extension and annex added in 2009.



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Guide Price £162,500

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Steeple Bumpstead



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An attractive and well proportioned detached bungalow benefitting from two double bedrooms. The property also enjoys a private rear garden, stunning shower room and a single garage.

A beautifully presented three bedroom semi-detached property occupying a secluded position within this popular residential cul-de-sac. The property has been significantly updated and benefits from re-fitted kitchen / breakfast room, conservatory, master bedroom with en-suite single garage and driveway. (EPC Rating C).



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Guide Price £410,000

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UNRIVALLED COVERAGE AROUND HAVERHILL



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Guide Price £289,950

A beautifully decorated and well improved, larger four bedroom detached family home located in a quiet cul de sac overlooking a green area and mature trees. The property benefits from the addition of a conservatory, contemporary en suite, air conditioning and a single garage with a double driveway.



NEW



Haverhill

Guide Price £210,000

A spacious and nicely presented two bedroom semi-detached bungalow situated in a pleasant cul de sac on the popular Boyton Hall development. The property enjoys a generous & private rear garden, single garage and is being sold with no onward chain. (EPC Rating D)

NEW



Haverhill

Guide Price £209,950

A much improved and extended three bedroom end of terrace property situated on the popular Hales Barn development. The property is extremely updated and benefits from a generous kitchen / dining room, office / study, single garage and pleasant rear garden. (EPC Rating D).



NEW



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Guide Price £295,000

A spacious and well presented four bedroom detached family house located on the Cambridge side of town. The property benefits from an attractive fitted kitchen, P-shape conservatory and a double garage. No onward chain. (EPC Rating D)



SALE AGREED - SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED



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Guide Price £279,950

A well presented and generous four bedroom detached family house located in a quiet cul de sac on the popular Hanchet Grange development. The property benefits from two reception rooms, fitted kitchen with attractive solid oak worktops and an en suite to the master bedroom.

SALE AGREED - SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED



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Guide Price £234,950

A generous and well presented three bedroom semi-detached property situated in a popular cul-de-sac on the well regarded Boyton Hall development. The property offers spacious living accommodation and benefits from a kitchen / dining room, conservatory, pleasant rear garden, single garage and driveway. (EPC Rating C).

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Guide Price £182,500

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Chantry Road, Haverhill £625pcm

Recently redecorated and re-carpeted, modern mid terrace house. Benefiting from gas central heating and is entirely double glazed. Large lounge/diner, kitchen with rear access to garden. One double bedroom and one single, large bathroom with separate shower cubicle. Well enclosed rear garden. EPC band: E.



Norley Moat House, Lt Bradley £2500 pcm

Detached period property situated in a rural position, accessed off a private road. Offering 5 bedrooms, 3 reception room, 2 offices, 2 bathrooms, kitchen and utility. The property benefits from oil fired central heating and has both front and rear gardens which are mainly laid to lawn. There are a number of outbuildings. EPC band: E.



Glamis Close, Haverhill £700pcm

Three bed mid terrace house in ideal location on the Cambridge side of town. Benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing throughout. Lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, separate toilet, two double bedrooms one single. Large well enclosed rear garden mainly laid to lawn with patio area. Pets negotiable. EPC band: E.

COMING SOON: HALES BARN ROAD: Modern two bed mid terrace house on popular Meadowlands Estate on the Cambridge side of town. This property offers generous lounge with feature fireplace, good sized kitchen/diner, one double bedroom and one single; the master with en suite shower room, bathroom and well enclosed rear garden. EPC band C. £725pcm

Townend Close, Haverhill - £500pcm

One bed ground floor flat on the Cambridge side of town. Lounge, kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom. Electric heaters, off road parking. No pets allowed. EPC band: D.

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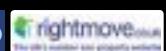
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£125,000



Bychoice have the pleasure in presenting this stunning three storey, two bedroom Victorian house situated within close proximity of the Town Centre, boasting a wealth of charm complemented by a new fitted kitchen and bathroom. This property is also offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN.

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OIEO £155,000



An executive detached property set in the picturesque village of Steeple Bumpstead, offering 5 bedrooms in total with 3 of which being doubles & master bedroom offering ensuite. A viewing would be highly recommended to appreciate the ample living accommodation this property really has to offer.

Steeple Bumpstead

£325,000



Bychoice are pleased to offer this beautifully presented Victorian terraced town house offering three double bedrooms. Ample parking to the front of the property and generous garden to the rear. A viewing would be highly recommended to appreciate the living space this property has to offer.

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£180,000



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£165,000



A 3 bedroom detached house set within the popular village of Tilbury Juxta Clare & enjoying countryside views immediately to the front. Lounge & separate dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, ensuite, garden, garage & off road parking.

Tilbury Juxta Clare £300,000



This 4 bed detached house is located in a quiet cul de sac within the village of Hundon & has been extended in recent years providing a generous & versatile layout. Benefiting from a lounge, kitchen/diner, separate dining room, conservatory, ground floor WC, off road parking, garage & gardens.

Hundon Offers In Region Of £268,000



An excellent opportunity to purchase this four bedroom family home situated in the village of Stradishall. Offering ample living accommodation which comprises of Four bedrooms, Family bathroom, Two reception rooms. This property also benefits from garage situated en-bloc.

Stradishall

£170,000



Bychoice are pleased to offer this well presented three bedroom detached property positioned on the popular Cambridge side of town. Benefiting from off road parking which includes a garage this property also offers ample living accommodation. A viewing is highly recommended.

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£245,000



Located in the popular village of Kedington is this sought after 2 bedroom semi-detached bungalow. The property benefits from a modern fitted kitchen/diner, lounge, bathroom, front & rear gardens, garage & off street parking. Viewing advised.

Kedington

£172,000



REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE A well presented 5 bedroom detached property, situated in a quiet semi rural location & enjoying uninterrupted views. The property has been renovated of late & benefits from a modern kitchen/diner & bathroom suites, 3 receptions, good sized rear garden & driveway.

Brockley Green

£450,000



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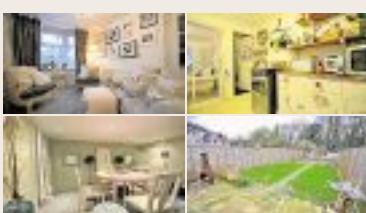
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Bychoice are delighted to offer this charming character cottage in the highly sought after village of Sturmer. The property maintains many fine features whilst offering the buyer a chance to make it their own.

Sturmer

£260,000



Bychoice are pleased to offer an extremely well presented end terrace house, offering ample living accommodation which includes two double bedrooms & three reception rooms, small front garden & surprisingly large garden to the rear. A viewing is highly recommended.

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£182,950

Haverhill

£165,000



4 Bedroom detached home, in a tucked away position on the edge of Hanchett Grange. The property benefits from 3 double bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, dining room, utility, ensuite, bathroom, ground floor WC, garage & generous gardens including a summer house. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

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Bychoice are delighted to offer this good size 3 bedroom property on the Cambridge side of town. Comprising of lounge, kitchen/diner, cloakroom and family bathroom. The property has the added advantage of front and rear gardens. Viewing recommended.

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£750 pcm



Available Now - Unfurnished. 4 bedroom family home in the sought after village of Hundon. It benefits from a lounge, kitchen, dining room, utility room, ground floor WC, first floor bathroom, off road parking, garage front & rear gardens.

Hundon

£850 pcm



Available February. Bychoice are delighted to offer this 5 bedroom detached home with 3 bathrooms on the Cambridge side of town. It benefits from an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen breakfast room, cloakroom & garage with driveway.

Haverhill

£1,250 pcm



Available Now - Unfurnished. Bychoice are delighted to offer this 3 bedroom converted cottage set on a rural working farm. The property benefits from a utility room, kitchen, dining room, sitting room, ground floor WC, first floor bathroom, attic storage, good size garden, shed & parking

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- EPC Rating C



NO CHAIN



STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD £220,000

- Semi-detached bungalow in village location
- Spacious lounge/diner
- 3 good-sized bedrooms
- Garage & gardens & stacks of off street parking
- No onward chain.
- EPC Rating 'D'

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STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD £169,995

- Charming character cottage with good-sized rear garden
- Lounge with wood burner
- Kitchen/diner & 2 double bedrooms
- Excellent condition throughout
- No onward chain
- EPC Rating 'E'

NO CHAIN



RIDGEWELL £325,000

- Grade II Listed property with many wonderful period features
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Guide £850,000

EPC Rating: C

CLARE
Sudbury 8 miles - Bury St Edmunds 16 miles

An impressive detached Grade II* Listed property considered to be one of the most important historical buildings within Clare. Reception hall, 3 reception rooms, conservatory, study, kitchen, morning/breakfast room, utility, 2 cloakrooms and 4 cellars. 5 bedrooms (3 en-suite) and family bathroom. Outbuilding and garden.

Guide £850,000

NEWMARKET
Cambridge 14 miles - Bury St Edmunds 15 miles

A substantial detached property in a sought after location. Sitting room, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility and cloakroom. 5 bedrooms (2 en-suite) and bathroom. Double garage, parking and landscaped gardens.

EPC Rating: C

Guide £599,995

BAYTHORNE END
Haverhill 4 miles - Saffron Walden 14 miles

A substantial detached barn conversion. 3 reception rooms, study/playroom and kitchen/breakfast room. 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite) and shower room. Double garage and annexe/offices.

In all about 0.27 acres.

EPC Rating: D

Guide £565,000

GLEMSFORD
Sudbury 7 miles - Bury St Edmunds 12 miles

A tastefully presented detached home in a quiet close within walking distance of amenities. Sitting room, study, kitchen/dining room and utility/cloakroom. 4 bedrooms and family bathroom. Garage, parking and garden.

Guide £279,950

EPC Rating: D

BOYTON END
Haverhill 4 miles - Cambridge 22 miles

A spacious barn conversion situated in a quiet location. Sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility and cloakroom. 3 bedrooms and bathroom. Double garage and gardens.

In all about 0.22 acres.

Guide £385,000

EPC Rating: D

BELCHAMP ST PAUL
Sudbury 7 miles - Haverhill 11 miles

A charming Grade II Listed cottage situated in a prominent position overlooking the village green. Sitting room, dining room, garden room and kitchen/breakfast room. 3 bedrooms and bathroom. Triple length garage, outbuildings and gardens.

In all about 0.6 acres.

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Leasing is becoming preferred way to go

LEASING the way forward for the "direct debit generation," says Glass's, the largest vehicle data provider in Europe and publisher of the industry-standard Glass's Guide to Car Values.

Today's consumers have become accustomed to paying for goods and services on monthly subscriptions – mobile phones, gym membership, TV, insurance and more – and it's apparent owning a new car could become a thing of the past as greater numbers of customers opt for car leasing.

Car leasing has always been popular for business drivers but as leasing deals have become more attractive, there's been a step change in the notion of owning a new car with more drivers are opting for pay monthly deals, explained Rupert Pontin, Glass's head of valuations.

He said: "Consumers, especially what you might call the younger, 'direct debit generation' has become accustomed to buying a large range of often high-priced products and services on a pay monthly basis. Phones are the obvious example but there are many other sectors where this is now prevalent – from software to medical insurance and entertainment. Why not cars?

"As well as consumer buying habits, leasing is growing because car makers across Europe are extremely keen to keep their factories operating at somewhere near capacity. To achieve this, they have been offering extremely attractive lease deals to new car buyers since around the time of the credit crunch.

"Since 2012, the number of buyers opting to lease their car has risen significantly. Once buyers start leasing, they tend to switch permanently. The chances of them opting to buy their next car, either outright or with a loan, is low.

"Against this backdrop, a low-cost monthly lease payment for your vehicle makes a lot of sense to more and more people. It is a trend that we can see no reason will lose momentum or reverse. Owning a car will very likely become a thing of the past for most."

Rupert added that there would, however, be some people who would still choose to buy a car. He said: "There will be those with a personal bias against leasing. These will tend to be older customers who are more resistant to using the pay monthly model in general."

Murkett's' Stapleford site reopens after refit

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THE refurbishment of Murkett's Stapleford dealership is now complete and the site is open to the public.

Jez Waskett, Murkett's Cambridge-based sales manager who runs the Stapleford premises, is delighted with the way it's turned out.

"Stapleford has just had a complete refurbishment involving new showroom tiles, new furniture, the outside has been refitted, and all the brickwork has been redone," Jez told *Wheels*.

"Murkett's has been going for 120 years, it's one of the few family businesses left in the motor trade these days," he added. "The Stapleford site has been going for 15 years as a Vauxhall main dealer plus used cars, of which the majority are Vauxhall."

So what's on sale at Stapleford? "In now is the new Corsa in three and five-door formats, plus the Meriva, Astra, Insignia, Adam, Grand Tourer, Mokka, Antara – and the new model Astra is due later this year."

Looking forward to the new Viva?

"The Viva is a city car that will hopefully go down well in Cambridge. It's attractively priced from about £7,000 with 0 per cent finance across the range, new PCP deals – or Vauxhall finance,



MURKETTS STAPLEFORD: Complete refurbishment for the Vauxhall dealership

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best seller and the Mokka because people really like SUVs.

"The Adam Rocks Air is now in the showroom from £14,995, that's a 1.2 or a 1.4-litre – or the new 1.0-litre that's just coming."

What's the spec for the 1.0-litre unit please?

"The new 3-cylinder 1.0-litre direct injection turbo petrol will be on sale for the Adam and the Corsa within the next fortnight.

It's the only production three-cylinder engine on the market with a balancer shaft, helping it combat noise, vibration and harshness."

Contact murkett.co.uk or (01223) 706706 for details – or, if you want to configure your own car, go to vauxhall.co.uk.

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Peugeot 308 wins 'Best Company Car' award



ON A ROLL: The Peugeot 308 5-door Hatchback – shown here is the 1.6-litre BlueHDi Active 120 Stop&Start – has been chosen as the Best Company Car to Buy by 'Business Car Manager'

THE award-winning Peugeot 308 has obtained yet another accolade – this time awarded the 'Best Company Car to Buy' by *Business Car Manager* – the business motoring magazine.

The news follows numerous awards in the UK and across Europe, having won the most prestigious prize last year – voted Car of the Year 2014.

Ralph Morton, editorial director at *Business Car Manager*, commented: "Already Car of the Year, Peugeot can now add the Best Company Car to Buy Award, to its swelling shelves of silverware for the new 308. The 308 has been

on a diet, shedding 140kg along the way. This and the range of super-efficient petrol and diesel engines, equal a Peugeot Hatchback and SW estate range that is a much better option for company car buyers.

"Our winner here is the 120hp diesel with its brilliantly low 82g/km CO2 providing small businesses that buy their company cars with an important 100 per cent First Year Allowance tax break – at least until the end of the 2014/15 tax year. Add in low running costs and fuel economy of over 90mpg and it's not difficult to see why our judges were persuaded in the 308's favour."



MAKING PROGRESS: The Volkswagen Up

Things are looking Up for small VW sector

VOLKSWAGEN is to begin taking orders for two new versions of its Up city car, the Street Up and Club Up. First deliveries are expected in March, with prices starting from £11,995.

Both variants are based on the firm's flagship High Up trim, which includes front fog lights, heated

front seats and a Maps & More portable infotainment device. However, the Street and Club Up are loaded with more styling features for an extra £610.

The Street Up adds 16-inch 'Upsilon' alloy wheels, standard Pure White, Black Pearl or Reflex Silver paint, privacy glass from the

B-pillar back, various "Street" badging, body coloured bumpers, leather steering wheel, black roof lining, carpet mats and "Street" branded cloth upholstery.

The Club Up adds 16-inch 'Triangle' alloy wheels, a choice of Blueberry metallic or Black Pearl paint,

privacy glass from the B-pillar back, "Club" badging, wing mirrors in silver, black roof lining, carpet mats and unique "Club" Tartan Tonic cloth upholstery.

Both new cars are powered by the 75 horsepower 1.0-litre petrol engine, mated to a five-speed manual gearbox.

Tips on buying a used car for under £1,500

JUST because your budget is small, it doesn't mean you can't drive a stylish sports car, luxury saloon or spacious MPV, writes Matt Joy.

If you're prepared to hunt around and trawl through the classifieds you can get a used bargain, and potentially something a little more interesting than a humble runabout. Here's a small selection of what is possible for just £1,000:

SUPERMINI – FORD FIESTA Of course there's stacks of choice at this end of the market as smaller cars tend to be cheaper than larger ones – although not always. You'll find all of the most popular models; Vauxhall Corsa, Renault Clio and plenty of Ford Fiestas. We found a nice 2002 example of the previous generation model with air conditioning and a modest 92,000 miles for £1,000.

FAMILY HATCH – HONDA CIVIC Move up a size and you still should have no trouble finding what you're after. As well as the usual suspects from Ford and Vauxhall, consider something like the Honda Civic. They have an excellent reputation for reliability and are practical too. For £995 we found a 2003 Civic 1.6i SE Executive with plenty of toys,

11 months MOT and 100,000 miles; for a Honda that's only just run in!

MPV – SEAT ALHAMBRA Now we're getting to the larger cars, it's important to remember that they will inevitably have a higher mileage, but condition is arguably more important; a well-maintained car with fewer owners and higher miles is better than a thrashed low-mileage example. Ford and Volkswagen collaborated on the Galaxy/Sharan MPV in the 1990s but there was a often-overlooked Seat version too. We found a 2000 Alhambra with the ideal 1.9 TDi engine, air conditioning, 179,000 miles and 10 months MOT for £995.

CONVERTIBLE – AUDI CABRIOLET

If you're looking for style on a budget, it's important to choose something that's aged well, which is where the Audi Convertible comes in. Even though the earliest examples are now over 20 years old, it stayed on sale until 2000 and still looks the part; even Princess Diana had one. You'll need to search and this 1.8-litre example we found is no fireball, but it has the essential alloy wheels, part leather seats and 133,000 miles for £995.

LUXURY SALOON – LEXUS LS

It might seem a nonsense that you can get a big luxury saloon for £1,000 but the truth is that cars like these depreciate more than any other, which is why those 15 years old or more are remarkably cheap. We found a couple of Mercedes-Benz S-Class and half a dozen BMW 7 Series but we'd plump for the Lexus LS. We found a 1999 example with an admittedly-high 200,000 miles on it, but your £995 gets you a smooth V8 engine, sat-nav, electric seats, climate control and an interior that looks like new.

SPORTS CAR – PORSCHE 928

OK, so this really is a stretch but if you're prepared to be patient, haggle and get your hands dirty, then you could have a fast car on your drive. Back when it was launched in 1978, the Porsche 928 had a 4.5-litre V8 engine and could crack 140mph, while later models got even more power. The oldest examples will need some work but there are plenty of specialists out there and even today it's an eye-catching example of Porsche design. We found two examples in the classifieds for a smidgen over £1,500, so with a bit of haggling you could have a performance bargain.



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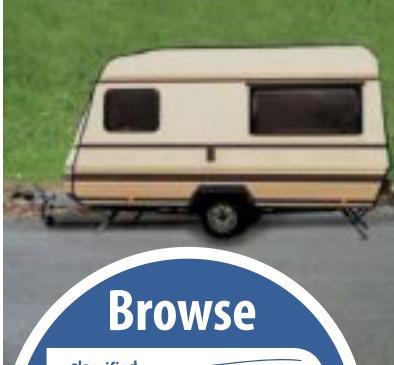
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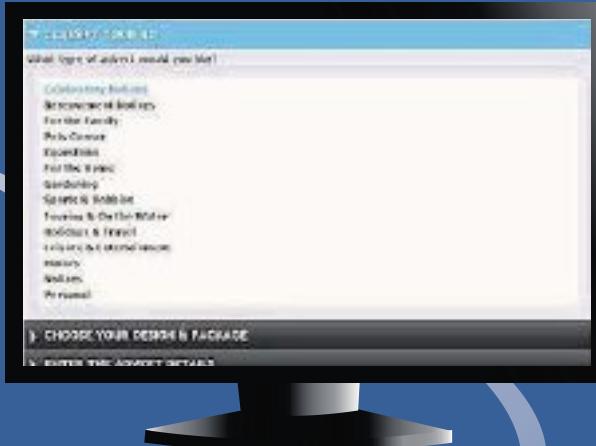
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› Football

Westcott takes over Borough first team

MARTIN Westcott is excited by the new challenge of taking over Haverhill Borough's first team following the major changes in the club's structure.

With Ben Cowling stepping down as first-team boss to take on the role of chairman and technical director, assistant Westcott makes the step up, with his first game in charge set to be the home Thurlow Nunn League, First Division match against Leiston on February 7.

"We needed to make some changes to cope with the club's growth," said Westcott.

"Ben asked me if I'd step up as manager and I agreed. We've got good players and we can compete with any side in this league so it's a good time to be taking over."

The opportunity for Cowling to take over as chairman came about as Barry Geoghegan has stepped down as chairman to become commercial director.

Cowling's last game in charge was Saturday's 0-0 draw with Thurlow Nunn League, First Division leaders Long Melford.

"There are a few things we need to work on that we haven't had time to do yet," continued Westcott.

"We'd like to get some consistency but we've got good cover in most areas."

Westcott has brought in Gareth Thomas, a central defender or defensive midfielder, as his assistant. The pair played together and have a similar football philosophy.

"I won't be playing as much," said Westcott.

"I thought I'd get into management when I'm older but it's a good opportunity.

"Bringing Gareth in will bring some fresh ideas."

"With his playing background, he'll bring a more defensive mindset whereas as a forward I tend to look at the attacking options, so there will be good balance there."

HAVERHILL Rovers were denied a welcome victory over rivals and bottom club Ely City when a last-gasp equaliser secured a 2-2 draw for the Robins.

Rovers made a bright start to the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division encounter but it was the home side who took the lead at the Unwin Ground, against the run of play.

Luke Brown opened the scoring in the 33rd minute with a well taken lob that left everyone stunned, not least Rovers keeper Jack Cherry, who had been caught off his line.

Rovers responded well though and

got back on terms just four minutes later with a well-taken goal from Martyn Farrant after good work by James Murray and new signing Lee Kersey.

And the visitors took the lead just before half time when Ayrton Coley was brought down in the area and Dan Cornwell converted the penalty.

City improved in the second half but were unable to make the breakthrough until the end of the

game when they won a free kick.

Sam Goodge floated the ball into the penalty area. James Seymour flicked it on and Richard Gammon was on hand to poke the ball home for a dramatic equaliser.

"A draw was probably a fair result," said a disappointed Shinn, who has now seen his side draw four of their last six games.

"We worked hard but we needed to be a bit more clinical in front of goal.

"It would have been nice to get the win but when I took over the aim was to make us hard to beat and that is the case now. We're not getting beaten very often."

"We need to turn these draws into wins so we can start climbing the table."

Rovers, currently 13th in the league table, are back in action this Saturday when they entertain Kirkley & Pakefield at the New Croft.



New boss: Martin Westcott (right) has taken over the Haverhill Borough first team. Picture: Gary Brown

Rovers held to a draw by lowly Ely

› Golf

Daniels edges stableford win

TOM Daniels needed countback to win Haverhill men's January stableford competition.

Both he and Eamonn Bareham scored 35 points, with Daniels having done enough to have the edge over his rival.

Daniels won Division Two as well, finishing one ahead of Richard Parker. Dan Walker took third on countback with 33.

Bareham had the consolation of winning Division One. Paul Bartlett took second from Neil Farlie after both scored 32.

Division Three honours went to Paul Chapman, with 29. Chris Powell was second on countback from Leonard Saunders with 24.

The winners of each division have qualified to play in the Rosebowl Final, sponsored by Bradnams Joinery, which will be contested in March.

Haverhill duo Alan O'Donohue and Martin Mansfield were part of the winning foursome in the team event at the latest meeting of the Suffolk Winter Alliance.

› Youth football

Haverhill duo at the double

TOM Newman and Liam Butt doubled up for Haverhill Rovers as they downed Chatteris Town 7-1 in Cambridge & District Colts League 15C.

Newman put them 2-0 up at half time, with Butt scoring after the break. Brandon McKay, David Scott and Connor Bevan netted one apiece for Haverhill as well.

Isaac Betts, Liam Butt and Scott also earned Rovers a 3-3 draw with Waterbeach.

Daniel Cordwell got both goals as West Wrating edged out Cottenham United Red 2-1 in 15A.



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